إِنَّ اللهَ تَعَالَى يُدْخِلُ مِنْ أُمَّةِ حَبِيْبِهِ الْجَنَّةَ سَبْعِيْنَ أَلْفًا بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ وَمَعَ كُلِّ أَلْفٍ سَبِعُوْنَ أَلْفًا

CHAPTER SIX

OF THE SEVENTY THOUSAND PEOPLE OF THE PROPHET'S UMMA TO WHOM ALLAH SHALL GRANT PARADISE WITHOUT RECKONING, EVERY THOUSAND AMONGST THEM SHALL TAKE ANOTHER SEVENTY THOUSAND ٢٦/ ١. عَنْ سَهْلِ بْنِ سَعْدٍ عِنْ قَالَ: قَالَ النَّبِيُّ اللَّهِ لَيَدْخُلَنَّ الْجَنَّةَ مِنْ أُمَّتِي سَبْعُوْنَ الْمَا أَوْ سَبْعُ مِانَةِ أَلْفٍ، شَكَّ فِي أَحَدِهِمَا، مُتَاسِكِيْنَ آخِذٌ بَعْضُهُمْ بِبَعْضٍ، حَتَّى يَدْخُلَ أَقُا أَوْ سَبْعُ مِانَةِ أَلْفٍ، شَكَّ فِي أَحَدِهِمَا، مُتَاسِكِيْنَ آخِذٌ بَعْضُهُمْ بِبَعْضٍ، حَتَّى يَدْخُلَ أَوْلُهُمْ وَآخِرُهُمُ الْجَنَّةَ. وَوُجُوْهُهُمْ عَلَى ضَوْءِ الْقَمَرِ لَيْلَةَ الْبَدْرِ.

مُتَّفَقُّ عَلَيْهِ.

16/1. According to Sahl b. Sa'd &, the Prophet & said,

"Certainly, seventy thousand (or seven hundred thousand [the marrator was unsure which of the two the Prophet said]) from my Umma shall enter Paradise (without reckoning). They shall all hold on (by virtue of affinity) to each other until all of them, the first (the leading one) and the last of them, enter Paradise. Their faces will shine like the moon when it is full."

Agreed upon by al-Bukhārī and Muslim.

٧٧/ ٢. عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ ﴿ قَالَ: سَمِعْتُ رَسُوْلَ اللهِ ﴿ يَقُوْلُ: يَدْخُلُ الْجَنَّةَ مِنْ أَمْتِي زُمْرَةٌ هُمْ سَبْعُوْنَ أَلْفًا، تُضِيءُ وُجُوْهُهُمْ إِضَاءَةَ الْقَمَرِ لَيْلَةَ الْبَدْرِ، وَقَالَ أَبِ هُرَيْرَةً ﴿ يُعَالَى اللهِ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ، فَقَالَ: يَا رَسُوْلَ اللهِ هُرَيْرَةً ﴿ عَلَيْهِ، فَقَالَ: يَا رَسُوْلَ اللهِ الْمَرْرَةَ عَلَيْهِ، فَقَالَ: يَا رَسُوْلَ اللهِ اللهُ اللهِ اللهِ اللهِ اللهِ اللهِ اللهُ اللهِ اللهُ اللهِ اللهِ اللهِ اللهِ اللهُ اللهُ اللهِ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهِ اللهُ اللهُ اللهِ اللهُ اللهِ اللهُ اللهِ اللهِ اللهِ اللهِ اللهِ اللهُ اللهِ ا

Set forth by •al-Bukhārī in al-Ṣaḥīḥ: Bk.: al-Riqāq [Heart Softeners], Ch.: "Seventy Thousand Shall Enter Paradise Without Reckoning," 5:2396 §6177, and in Bk.: Bad' al-khalq [The Beginning of Creation], Ch.: "The Description of Paradise and That it is Created," 3:1186 §3075, and in Bk.: al-Riqāq [Heart Softeners], Ch.: "The Description of Paradise and Fire," 5:2399 §6187; •Muslim in al-Ṣaḥīḥ: Bk.: al-Īmān [The Faith], Ch.: "The Proof That Some Groups of Muslims Shall Enter Paradise without Reckoning of Punishment," 1:198 §219; •Aḥmad b. Ḥanbal in al-Musnad, 5:335 §22839; •Ibn Kathīr in Tafsīr al-Qur'ān al-ʿAzīm, 1:394.

أَدْعُ اللهَ أَنْ يَجْعَلَنِي مِنْهُمْ. قَالَ: اَللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْهُ مِنْهُمْ. ثُمَّ قَامَ رَجُلٌ مِنَ الْأَنْصَارِ، فَقَالَ: يَا رَسُوْلَ اللهِ، أَدْعُ اللهَ أَنْ يَجْعَلَنِي مِنْهُمْ. فَقَالَ: سَبَقَكَ بِمَا عُكَّاشَةُ. مُتَّفَقٌ عَلَيْهِ.

27/2. According to Abū Hurayra 🙈,

"I heard Allah's Messenger say, 'Seventy thousand members of my Community will enter the Garden of Paradise and their faces will shine like the moon on the night of the full moon.' Upon hearing that, 'Ukāsha b. Miḥṣan al-Asadī stood up, lifting his woolen mantle, and said, 'O Messenger of Allah! Supplicate Allah to make me one of them.' The Prophet said, 'O Allah, make him one of them.' After that, a man from the Anṣār stood and said, 'O Messenger of Allah! Supplicate Allah to make me one of them, too.' The Prophet said, "Ukāsha beat you to it."

Agreed upon by al-Bukhārī and Muslim.

٣/٢٨. عَنِ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ عَنَّ قَالَ: قَالَ النَّبِيُ عَنِي الْأَمُمُ، فَأَخَذَ النَّبِي مَعُهُ الْمَعُهُ الْأَمَّةُ، وَالنَّبِيُ يَمُرُّ مَعَهُ الْفَشَرَةُ، وَالنَّبِي يَمُرُّ وَحْدَهُ. فَنَظَرْتُ فَإِذَا سَوَادٌ كَثِيْرٌ. قُلْتُ: يَا جِبْرِيْلُ عَلَيْ، هَوُلاءِ الْخُوْرِ، فَنَظَرْتُ فَإِذَا سَوَادٌ كَثِيْرٌ. قُلْتُ: يَا جِبْرِيْلُ عَلَيْ، هَوُلاءِ أُمَّتُكَ، أُمَّتِي؟ قَالَ: لَا، وَلَكِنِ انْظُرْ إِلَى الْأَفْقِ. فَنَظَرْتُ فَإِذَا سَوَادٌ كَثِيْرٌ. قَالَ: هَوُلاءِ أُمَّتُكَ، وَهَوُلاءِ سَبْعُونَ أَلْفًا قُدَّامَهُمْ، لَا حِسَابَ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا عَذَابَ. قُلْتُ: وَلِم كَانُوا وَهَوُلاءِ سَبْعُونَ أَلْفًا قُدَّامَهُمْ، لَا حِسَابَ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا عَذَابَ. قُلْتُ: وَلِم كَانُوا وَهَوُلا يَسْتَرْقُونَ وَلَا يَسْتَرُقُونَ وَلَا يَسْتَرُقُونَ وَلَا يَتَطَيَّرُونَ وَعَلَى رَبِّمْ يَتَوَكَّلُونَ. فَقَامَ إِلَيْهِ عُكَاشَةُ بْنُ

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Set forth by •al-Bukhārī in al-Ṣahīḥ: Bk.: al-Riqāq [Heart Softeners], Ch.: "Seventy Thousand Shall Enter Paradise Without Reckoning," 5:2396 \$6176, and in Bk.: al-Libās [Clothing], Ch.: "The Cloak and Over garment," 5:2189 \$5474; •Muslim in al-Ṣahīḥ: Bk.: al-Īmān [The Faith], Ch.: "The Proof That Some Groups of Muslims Shall Enter Paradise without Reckoning or Punishment," 1:197 \$216; •Aḥmad b. Ḥanbal in al-Musnad, 2:400 \$9202; •Ibn Manda in al-Īmān, 2:892 \$970 (with an authentic chain of transmission); •Ibn Kathīr in Tafsīr al-Qur'ān al-ʿAzīm, 1:394.

مِحْصَنِ، فَقَالَ: أُدْعُ اللهَ أَنْ يَجْعَلَنِي مِنْهُمْ. قَالَ: اَللَّهُمَّ، اجْعَلْهُ مِنْهُمْ. ثُمَّ قَامَ إِلَيْهِ رَجُلُّ آخَرُ. قَالَ: أُدْعُ اللهَ أَنْ يَجْعَلَنِي مِنْهُمْ. قَالَ: سَبَقَكَ بِهَا عُكَّاشَةُ.

رَوَاهُ الْبُخَارِيُّ.

28/3. According to Ibn 'Abbās &, the Prophet & said,

"The bygone communities were displayed to me, and I beheld one Prophet passing by with a throng, another Prophet passing by with a small group, another Prophet passing by with only ten people, another Prophet passing by with only five people, and another Prophet passing by all alone. Then I looked, and lo and behold, I saw a large multitude of people. I asked Jibrīl , 'Are these my Umma?' 'No,' he replied, 'but look to the horizon.' When I looked (to the horizon), I suddenly saw a large multitude of people. Jibrīl a said, 'They are your Community and at their forefront there are seventy thousand who shall not be subjected to any reckoning or punishment.' 'Why?' I asked. Jibrīl replied, 'They did not treat themselves with cauterization [kay'], and they did not seek incantation [ruqya] from others, and they did not see omens in things, and they used to put their trust completely in their Lord.' On hearing that, 'Ukāsha b. Miḥṣan stood up and said, 'O Messenger of Allah! Ask Allah to make me one of them.' The Prophet said, 'O Allah, make him one of them.' After that, another man stood and said, '(O Messenger of Allah!) Ask Allah to make me one of them, too.' The Prophet & said, "Ukāsha beat you to it."

Reported by al-Bukhārī.

٢٩/ ٤. عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ ﴿ أَنَّ النَّبِيَ ﴿ قَالَ: يَدْخُلُ مِنْ أُمَّتِي الْجَنَّةَ سَبْعُوْنَ أَلْفًا بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ. فَقَالَ رَجُلٌ: يَا رَسُوْلَ الله، أَدْعُ اللهَ أَنْ يَجْعَلَنِي مِنْهُمْ. قَالَ: اَللَّهُمَّ، اَجْعَلْهُ مِنْهُمْ. ثُمَّ قَامَ آخَرُ، فَقَالَ: يَا رَسُوْلَ اللهِ، أَدْعُ اللهَ أَنْ يَجْعَلَنِي مِنْهُمْ. قَالَ: سَبقَكَ اجْعَلْهُ مِنْهُمْ. ثُمَّ قَامَ آخَرُ، فَقَالَ: يَا رَسُوْلَ اللهِ، أَدْعُ اللهَ أَنْ يَجْعَلَنِي مِنْهُمْ. قَالَ: سَبقَكَ بَهَا عُكَاشَةُ.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Set forth by •al-Bukhārī in al-Ṣaḥīḥ: Bk.: al-Riqāq [Heart Softeners], Ch.: "Seventy Thousand Shall Enter Paradise Without Reckoning," 5:2396 §6175.

29/4. According to Abū Hurayra 🙈,

"The Prophet said, 'Seventy thousand of my *Umma* shall enter Paradise without reckoning.' Upon hearing that, a man said, 'O Messenger of Allah! Ask Allah to make me one of them.' The Prophet said, 'O Allah, make him one of them.' After that, another man stood and said, 'O Messenger of Allah! Ask Allah to make me one of them, too.' The Prophet said, "Ukāsha beat you to it."

Reported by Muslim and Ahmad.

٣٠/٥٠ عَنْ جَابِرِ بْنِ عَبْدِ اللهِ ﴿ (فِي رِوَايَةٍ طَوِيْلَةٍ) قَالَ: ثُمَّ يَنْجُو الْـمُؤْمِنُونَ، وَعَنْجُو الْـمُؤْمِنُونَ، فَمَّ الَّذِيْنَ فَتَنْجُوْ أَوَّلُ زُمْرَةٍ، وُجُوْهُهُمْ كَالْقَمَرِ لَيْلَةَ الْبَدْرِ سَبْعُوْنَ أَلْفًا لَا يُحَاسَبُوْنَ، ثُمَّ الَّذِيْنَ يَلُوْنَهُمْ كَأَضْوَإِ نَجْمٍ فِي السَّمَاءِ ثُمَّ كَذَلِكَ.
 يَلُوْنَهُمْ كَأَضْوَإِ نَجْمٍ فِي السَّمَاءِ ثُمَّ كَذَلِكَ.

رَوَاهُ مُسْلِمٌ وَأَحْمَدُ.

30/5. According to (the detailed account of) Jābir b. 'Abd Allāh &, the Prophet & said,

"Then the believers will attain salvation; the first group to attain salvation will be seventy thousand who will not face reckoning. They will have faces shining like the moon when it is full. And those who come after them will have faces shining like luminous stars, and so on."

<sup>29</sup> Set forth by •Muslim in al-Ṣaḥīh: Bk.: al-Īmān [The Faith], Ch.: "The Proof That Some Groups of Muslims Shall Enter Paradise without Reckoning or Punishment," 1:197 \$216; •Aḥmad b. Ḥanbal in al-Musnad, 2:302 \$8016; •Ibn Rāhawayh in al-Musnad, 1:143 \$76; •Ibn Manda in al-Īmān, 2:894 \$974.

30 Set forth by •Muslim in al-Ṣaḥīh: Bk.: al-Īmān [The Faith], Ch.: "Those on the Lowest Level of Paradise," 1:177 \$191; •Aḥmad b. Ḥanbal in al-Musnad, 3:345 \$14721 (and the narration is fully connected to the Prophet ); •'Abd Allāh b. Aḥmad b. Ḥanbal in al-Sunna, 1:248 \$457; •Ibn Manda in al-Īmān, 2:825 \$851 (with an authentic chain of transmission); •Ibn Kathīr in Tafsīr al-Qur'ān al-'Azīm, 1:394–395.

Reported by Muslim and Ahmad.

٦/٣١. عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ هِنَ مَنْ رَسُوْلِ الله هِ أَنَّهُ قَالَ: سَأَلْتُ رَبِّ، فَوَعَدَنِي أَنْ يُدْخِلَ مِنْ أُمَّتِي سَبْعِيْنَ أَلْفًا عَلَى صُوْرَةِ الْقَمَرِ لَيْلَةَ الْبَدْرِ. فَاسْتَزَدْتُ فَزَادَنِي مَعَ كُلِّ يُدْخِلَ مِنْ أُمَّتِي سَبْعِيْنَ أَلْفًا عَلَى صُوْرَةِ الْقَمَرِ لَيْلَةَ الْبَدْرِ. فَاسْتَزَدْتُ فَزَادَنِي مَعَ كُلِّ يُدُنِ مَا أَلْفِ سَبْعِيْنَ أَلْفًا. فَقُلْتُ: أَيْ رَبِّ، إِنْ لَـمْ يَكُنْ هَؤُلَاءِ مُهَاجِرِي أُمَّتِي؟ قَالَ: إِذَنْ أَكْمِلُهُمْ لَكَ مِنَ الْأَعْرَابِ.

رَوَاهُ أَهْمَدُ وَابْنُ مَنْدَهْ، وَإِسْنَادُهُ صَحِيْحٌ.

31/6. According to Abū Hurayra 🙈, Allah's Messenger 🌉 said,

"I asked my Lord and He promised me that He would place seventy thousand of my *Umma* in Paradise with faces shining like the moon when it is full. I then asked Him to increase their number and He granted me that, adding seventy thousand for every thousand of them. I then said, 'O my Lord, even if they are not from the migrants of my *Umma*?' He said, 'In that case, I shall complete them for you with the Bedouins.'"

Reported by Ahmad and Ibn Mandah and it has an authentic chain of transmission.

٧٣/٧. عَنْ حُذَيْفَةَ بْنِ الْيَهَانِ فَيْ قَالَ: غَابَ عَنَّا رَسُولُ الله فَيْ يُومًا، فَلَمْ يَخْرُجْ حَتَّى ظَنَنَّا أَنَّهُ لَنْ يَخْرُجَ. فَلَمَّا خَرَجَ سَجَدَ سَجْدَةً، فَظَنَنَّا أَنَّ نَفْسَهُ قَدْ قُبِضَتْ فِيْهَا. فَلَمَّا ظَنَنَّا أَنَّهُ لَنْ يَخْرُجَ. فَلَمَّا خَرَجَ سَجَدَ سَجْدَةً، فَظَنَنَّا أَنَّ نَفْسَهُ قَدْ قُبِضَتْ فِيْهَا. فَلَمَّ رَفَعَ رَأْسَهُ، قَالَ: إِنَّ رَبِّي تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى اسْتَشَارَنِي فِي أُمَّتِي مَاذَا أَفْعَلُ بِهِمْ. فَقُلْتُ: مَا شِعْتُ رَأْسَهُ، قَالَ: إِنَّ رَبِّي تَبَارَكَ وَعِبَادُكَ. فَاسْتَشَارَنِي الثَّانِيَةَ، فَقُلْتُ لَهُ كَذٰلِكَ. فَقَالَ: لِلا شُعْتُ، أَيْ رَبِّ، هُمْ خَلْقُكَ وَعِبَادُكَ. فَاسْتَشَارَنِي الثَّانِيَةَ، فَقُلْتُ لَهُ كَذٰلِكَ. فَقَالَ: لِلا أَعْنِي مَنْ مَنْ يَدْخُلُ الْحَبَنَّةَ مِنْ أُمَّتِي سَبْعُوْنَ أَلْفًا

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Set forth by •Aḥmad b. Ḥanbal in *al-Musnad*, 2:359 §8707; •Ibn Manda in *al-Īmān*, 2:895 §976 (with a rigorously authentic chain of transmission similar to those of Muslim); •al-Haythamī in *Majma* al-zawā id, 10:404 (who said: "Its men are those of rigorously authentic chains of transmission."); and cited by •Ibn ajar in *Fatḥ al-Bārī*, 11:410 (who said: "It has a good chain").

مَعَ كُلِّ أَلْفٍ سَبْعُوْنَ أَلْفًا لَيْسَ عَلَيْهِمْ حِسَابٌ. رَوَاهُ أَحْمَدُ وَابْنُ كَثِيْرِ وَالْهَيْثَمِيُّ، وَقَالَ: إِسْنَادُهُ حَسَنٌ.

32/7. According to Ḥudhayfa b. al-Yamān 🙈,

"Once, the Prophet was away from us for an entire day. He did not come out and we feared he would not come out. After he came out, he fell into prostration and remained prostrate for so long that we thought his soul was taken while in that position. Then he raised his head from prostration and said, 'My Lord conferred with me about my Umma, asking what He should do with them. I said, "Whatever You will, my Lord. They are Your creation and Your servants." He conferred with me a second time and I said just as I did the first time. Then He said, 'I will not cause you to be saddened on account of your Umma, O Muhammad.' Then He gave me the glad tidings that the first [group] to enter Paradise will be seventy thousand, and that with each one thousand of them there will be an additional seventy thousand—none of them will face reckoning."

Reported by Ahmad, Ibn Kathīr and al-Haythamī who said, "It has a fine chain of transmission."

٣٣/ ٨. عَنْ أَبِي أَمَامَةَ ﴿ قَالَ: سَمِعْتُ رَسُوْلَ الله ﴿ يَقُوْلُ: وَعَدَنِي رَبِّي أَنْ يُدْخِلَ اللهِ اللهِ اللهِ اللهِ عَنْ أَمُّتِي سَبْعِيْنَ أَلْفًا، لَا حِسَابَ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا عَذَابَ مَعَ كُلِّ أَلْفٍ سَبْعُوْنَ أَلْفًا وَلَا عَذَابَ مَعَ كُلِّ أَلْفٍ سَبْعُوْنَ أَلْفًا وَلَا حَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا عَذَابَ مَعَ كُلِّ أَلْفٍ سَبْعُوْنَ أَلْفًا وَلَا عَذَابَ مَعَ كُلِّ أَلْفٍ سَبْعُوْنَ أَلْفًا

رَوَاهُ أَحْمَدُ وَالتِّرْمِذِيُّ وَابْنُ مَاجَه وَابْنُ أَبِي شَيْبَةَ وَابْنُ أَبِي عَاصِمٍ وَابْنُ كَثِيرٍ، وَقَالَ التِّرْمِذِيُّ: هَذَا حَدِيْثٌ حَسَنٌ.

33/8. According to Abū Umāma 🙈,

<sup>32</sup> Set forth by •Aḥmad b. Ḥanbal in al-Musnad, 5:393 \$23336; •Ibn Kathīr in Tafsīr al-Qur'ān al-ʿAzīm, 2:122; •al-Haythamī in Majmaʿ al-zawāʾid, 10:68.
33 Set forth by •al-Tirmidhī in al-Sunan: Bk.: Ṣifat al-qiyāma wa al-raqāʾiq wa al-waraʿ [The Description of the Resurrection, Heart Softeners and

"I heard Allah's Messenger say, 'My Lord promised me that He would place seventy thousand of my *Umma* in Paradise without reckoning or punishment, and that with every one thousand among them there would be an additional seventy thousand and three Handfuls (of the denizens of Hell)."

Reported by Aḥmad, al-Tirmidhī, Ibn Mājah, Ibn Abī Shayba, Ibn Abī 'Āṣim and Ibn Kathīr. According to al-Tirmidhī, "This is a fine tradition."

97/ 9. عَنْ أَبِي أُمَامَةَ عِنْ أَنِي أَمَامَةَ عِنْ أَنِي أَمَامَةَ عِنْ أَنِي أَمَامَةَ عِنْ أَنْ يُدْخِلَ مِنْ أُمَّتِي الْخَنْ السُّلَمِيُّ: وَالله، مَا مِنْ أُمَّتِي الْجَنَّةَ سَبْعِيْنَ أَلْفًا بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ، فَقَالَ يَزِيْدُ بْنُ الْأَخْنِ السُّلَمِيُّ: وَالله، مَا أُوْلَئِكَ فِي أُمَّتِكَ إِلَّا كَالذُّبَابِ الْأَصْهَبِ فِي الذِّبَّانِ. فَقَالَ رَسُوْلُ الله عَنْ كَانَ رَبِّ عَلَيْ أَوْلَئِكَ فِي أُمَّتِكَ إِلَّا كَالذُّبَابِ الْأَصْهَبِ فِي الذِّبَانِ. فَقَالَ رَسُوْلُ الله عَنْ كَانَ رَبِّ عَلَيْ فَقَالَ رَسُوْلُ الله عَنْ الله عَمْ كُلِّ أَلْفٍ سَبْعُوْنَ أَلْفًا، وَزَادَنِي ثَلَاثَ حَثَيَاتٍ.

رَوَاهُ أَحْمَدُ وَالطَّبَرَانِيُّ وَابْنُ أَبِي عَاصِمٍ وَابْنُ كَثِيْرٍ. وَإِسْنَادُهُ قَوِيٌّ، وَرِجَالُهُ رِجَالُ الصَّحِيْحِ.

34/9. According to Abū Umāma 🙈, Allah's Messenger 🐞 said, "Indeed, Allah promised me that He would admit seventy thousand

Scrupulousness], Ch.: "Intercession," 4:626 \$2437; •Aḥmad b. Ḥanbal in al-Musnad, 5:268 \$22303 (with an authentic chain of transmission); •Ibn Mājah in al-Sunan: Bk.: al-Zuhd [The Renunciation], Ch.: "The Description of Muhammad ," 2:1433 \$4286; •Ibn Abī Shayba in al-Muṣannaf, 6:315 \$31714; •Ibn Abī Āṣim in al-Sunna, 1:260,261 \$\$588,589; •Ibn Kathīr in Tafsīr al-Qur'ān al-ʿAzīm, 1:295; and cited by •Ibn ajar in al-Iṣāba, 6:646 \$9233 (with an an authentic chain of transmission);

<sup>34</sup> Set forth by •Aḥmad b. Ḥanbal in al-Musnad, 5:250 \$22156; •al-Tabarānī in al-Muʿjam al-kabīr, 8:159 \$7276; •Ibn Abī ʿĀṣim in al-Sunna, 1:261 \$588 (al-Albānī said: "Its chain is rigorously authentic and its men are all reliable"); •Ibn Abī ʿĀṣim in al-Āḥād wa al-mathānī, 2:445 \$1247; •al-Mundhirī in al-Targhīb wa al-tarhīb, 4:225 \$5473; •Ibn Kathīr in Tafsīr al-Qurʾān al-ʿAzīm, 1:395 (who said: "This is an authentic chain of transmission"); and cited by •Ibn ajar in al-Iṣāba fī tamyīz al-ṣaḥāba, 6:646 \$9233 (with an authentic chain of transmission).

of my *Umma* into Paradise without reckoning." Yazīd b. al-Akhun al-Sulamī submitted, "By Allah, their presence in your *Umma* will be comparable to a reddish fly among black flies [i.e., miniscule in number]." Allah's Messenger said, "My Lord promised me seventy thousand, and an additional seventy thousand with every one thousand among them, and then He increased me three Handfuls. (He will take three Handfuls from Hell and admit them to Paradise befitting His Glory.)"

Reported by Aḥmad, al-Ṭabarānī, Ibn Abī ʿĀṣim and Ibn Kathīr. It has a firm chain of transmission and its sources are authentic.

٥٣/ ١٠ عَنْ عُتْبَةَ بْنِ عَبْدِ السُّلَمِيِّ فَالَ: قَالَ رَسُوْلُ الله عَنْ: إِنَّ رَبِّ وَعَدَنِي أَلْفًا أَنْ يُدْخِلَ مِنْ أُمَّتِي الْجَنَّةَ سَبْعِيْنَ أَلْفًا بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ ثُمَّ يُتْبِعُ كُلَّ أَلْفٍ بِسَبْعِيْنَ أَلْفًا وَفِي رِوَايَةِ الطَّبَرَانِيِّ قَالَ: ثُمَّ يَشْفَعُ كُلُّ أَلْفٍ لِسَبْعِيْنَ أَلْفًا)، ثُمَّ يَجْثِي بِكَفِّهِ ثَلَاثَ وَفِي رِوَايَةِ الطَّبَرَانِيِّ قَالَ: ثُمَّ يَشْفَعُ كُلُّ أَلْفٍ لِسَبْعِيْنَ أَلْفًا الْأُولَ يُشَفِّعُهُمُ الله فِي آبَائِهِمْ وَأُمَّهَاتِهِمْ وَعَشَائِرِهِمْ، وَأَرْجُوْ أَنْ يَجْعَلَ أُمَّتِي أَذْنَى الْحَثَوَاتِ الْأُولَ يَشَفِّعُهُمُ الله فِي آبَائِهِمْ وَأُمَّهَاتِهِمْ وَعَشَائِرِهِمْ، وَأَرْجُوْ أَنْ يَجْعَلَ أُمَّتِي أَذْنَى الْحَثَوَاتِ الْأُولَ يَشَفِّعُهُمُ الله فِي آبَائِهِمْ وَأُمَّهَاتِهِمْ وَعَشَائِرِهِمْ، وَأَرْجُوْ أَنْ يَجْعَلَ أُمَّتِي أَذْنَى الْحَثَوَاتِ الْأُولَ فِي

رَوَاهُ ابْنُ حِبَّانَ وَالطَّبَرَانِيُّ وَابْنُ كَثِيْرٍ، وَقَالَ ابْنُ كَثِيْرٍ: قَالَ الْحَافِظُ الضِّيَاءُ أَبُوعَبْدِ اللهِ الْمَقْدِسِيُّ فِي كِتَابِهِ 'صِفَةِ الجُنَّةِ': لَا أَعْلَمُ لِهَذَا الْإِسْنَادِ عِلَّةً.

35/10. According to 'Utba b. 'Abd al-Sulamī &, Allah's Messenger & said,

"Indeed, my Lord has promised me that He will place seventy thousand of my *Umma* in Paradise without reckoning and then for every one thousand among them there shall follow seventy thousand more [and in al-Ṭabarānī's words, 'Then every one thousand among them will intercede on behalf of seventy thousand people']," then Allah will deliver three handfuls of people from the Hell. Upon seeing

<sup>35</sup> Set forth by •Ibn Ḥibbān in al-Ṣaḥīḥ, 16:232 \$7247; •al-Ṭabarānī in al-Mu'jam al-kabīr, 17:127 \$312, and in •al-Mu'jam al-awsaṭ, 1:127 \$402; •Ibn Kathīr in Tafsīr al-Qur'ān al-'Azīm, 1:395; •al-Haythamī in Majma' al-zawā'id, 10:409,414.

this, 'Umar said, "Allah is the Greatest!" The Prophet & then said, "Allah shall permit the first seventy thousand to intercede on behalf of their fathers, mothers, and families, and I hope that He will make my *Umma* closest of those handfuls."

Reported by Ibn Ḥibbān, al-Ṭabarānī and Ibn Kathīr. According to Ibn Kathīr, "Al-Ḥāfiẓ al-Ḍiyā' Abū 'Abd Allāh al-Maqdisī said in *Ṣifat al-Janna* (The description of Paradise), 'I find no defect in this chain.'"

٣٦/ ١١. عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ عِنْ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُوْلُ الله عَنْ اللّهَ بَغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ. وَتَعَالَى) الشَّفَاعَةَ لِأُمَّتِي. فَقَالَ: لَكَ سَبْعُوْنَ أَلْفًا يَدَّخُلُوْنَ الْجَنَّةَ بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ. قُلْتُ: زِدْنِي. قَالَ: فَإِنَّ لَكَ هَكَذَا قُلْتُ: زِدْنِي. قَالَ: فَإِنَّ لَكَ هَكَذَا قُلْتُ: زِدْنِي. قَالَ: فَإِنَّ لَكَ هَكَذَا وَهَكَذَا. فَقَالَ أَبُو بَكْرٍ: حَسْبُنَا. فَقَالَ عُمَرُ: يَا أَبَا بَكْرِ، دَعْ رَسُوْلَ اللهِ عَلَى. فَقَالَ أَبُو بَكْرٍ: يَا عُمَرُ، إِنَّهَا نَحْنُ حَفْنَةٌ مِنْ حَفَنَاتِ الله.

رَوَاهُ ابْنُ أَبِي شَيْبَةَ وَالْهَنَّادُ وَالدَّيْلَمِيُّ.

36/11. According to Abū Hurayra 🙇, Allah's Messenger 🎉 said,

"I interceded [with Allah on behalf of my *Umma* and He said, 'You shall have seventy thousand who shall enter Paradise without reckoning.' I said, 'Increase for me.' He said, 'For every one thousand among them, you shall have an additional seventy thousand.' I said, 'Increase for me.' He said, 'You have such-and-such.'" Abū Bakr said, "That is enough for us." 'Umar said, "O Abū Bakr! Let Allah's Messenger alone (accomplish)!" Abū Bakr said, "O 'Umar! We are but one handful of Allah's many handfuls."

Reported by Ibn Abī Shayba, al-Hannād and al-Daylamī.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Set forth by •Ibn Abī Shayba in *al-Muṣannaf*, 6:318 §31739; •Hannād b. al-Sirrī in *al-Zuhd*, 1:135 §178; •al-Daylamī in *Muṣnad al-firdaws*, 2:311 §3407.